BLOCK BURNED: 200 HOMELESS

FIREMEN HAD NO CHANCE TO SAVE BRONX FRAME HOUSES.

Wind Was High and It Took Six Horses 20 Minutes to Get an Engine to Scene -Truck Stalled in snowdrift-Frestbitten Victims-Fine Volunteer Work.

Nearly 200 persons were made homeless yesterday, when ten frame houses from 803 to 821 Cauldwell avenue were destroyed. The tenants of these houses were driven out in the biting cold scantily clad, and a score of them were sent to Lebanon Hospital suffering from frostbite and exposure. That no lives were lost speaks who left their own homes near by when they found others were in trouble. The homeless were all taken in by their neighbors.

The gold standard country and t

on the west side of Cauldwell avenue from 159th to 160th street. Directly back of these structures, facing on Eagle avenue, were other frame houses. None of the Eagle avenue houses was burned, but most of them were scorched. Hundreds of amateur fire fighters helped the firemen in saving the Eagle avenue houses.

Edward A. Hildebrind of 820 Eagle avenue discovered the fire shortly after 1

nue discovered the are shortly after I o'clock. His bedroom window looks out on the rear of the house at 811 Cauldwell avenue. Hildebrand was only half dressed when he ran out of his house to the burning one. He knocked on the door, and getting no response he kicked it in. He yelled lustily and finding no one on the ground floor hurried to the second. He found the second and third floor tenants staggering about in the dark, almost overcome by the smoke which filled the house. Hildebrand guided

the people out of the house. His yells had awakened many other tenante on the block, and the moment they looked out their windows they saw the fire. Policeman Specht of the Morrisania station also heard Hildebrand's cries of "Fire!" and he made for the nearest alarm box. The box was covered with ice and sleet and Specht had to use his club as a ham-

While waiting for the fire apparatus, Specht went about the other houses on the block awakening the tenants. He was soon joined by two other policemen and all three did good rescue work.

By the time Specht got back to the burn-

by the time specific got back to the burning house after sinding in the alarm the houses on each side of 811 were in flames. The wind was high and the sparks and burning embers were carried to adjoining houses. When every one was out of the Cauldwell avenue houses the residents on Eagle avenue had all they could do to save their own homes.

Eagle avenue had all they could do to save their own homes.

This section of The Bronx is on high ground, and the wind fanned the flames in every direction, while the glare lit up the sky for miles around. It was twenty minutes after the first alarm was twenty minutes after the first alarm was twented in before the first engine arrived. Hook and Ladder Company 19 was housed nearest the fire, but the truck ran into a snowdrift on Forest avenue and the efforts of the horses and men to move it were futile. The members of the company finally left the stranded truck and hurried to the fire with their scaling ladders and axes. The first engine that arrived had six horses first engine that arrived had six horses

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Deputy Chief Ahearn arrived early and he had a second and a third alarm sounded. The firemen who came on the first alarm had difficulty in getting water, for many of the hydrants were frozen. When they did get water the men suffered greatly from the cold and their hands became benumbed from holding the hose.

Two of the houses on the east side of Cauldwell avenue caught fire from flying embers, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. The cupola of the house owned and occupied by Coroner's Physician Riegelman, at 158th street, took fire, but this blaze was put out by a bucket hrigade. The homes of Martin Geisler. The Bronx Commissioner of Highways, and of Michael Garvin, private secretary of Borough President Haffen, were also damage! slightly. The estiwere also damage i slightly. The esti-mated damage of the fire is \$100,000. The

FIRE NEAR MISERICORDE HOME. Little Children Carried to Safety-Chapel Damaged by Flames.

The Sisters of Misericorde, who have charge of the Misericorde Home, at 531 East Eighty-sixth street, had just been called to supper at 6 o'clock last night when a servant girl discovered fire in an adjoining building on Eighty-seventh street, The home is a six story building. The girl was on the top floor, and when she looked out of the window she saw flames bursting from the windows of the three story factory building at 538 East Eightyseventh street, which backs right up against the eastern wing of the home.

The wing adjoining the burning factory had a bedroom on the first floor, where some twenty children, all under 2 years of age. were sleeping. On the floor above is a chapel. In the western wing of the building is a maternity ward, but at no time during the fire were the patients there dis-

The fire started on the first floor of the Eighty-seventh street building, where Zinser & Co. manufacture boxes. Several ser & Co. manufacture boxes. Several young men happened to be in the basement of the building, in which Charles Deutsch makes webbings, and they formed a bucket brigade, which wasn't of much use. Within two hours the building was completely gutted. The second and third floors were

gutted. The second and third floors were occupied by a sign painter.
When Battalion Chief Dougherty reached the fire his first thought was of the children. He sent Roundsman Kauff and six policemen from the East Eighty-eighth street station to prevent a panic. His orders were to keep the children in their room until he sent word to move them.

The policemen and the sisters gathered blankets together preparatory to wrapping up the babies and carrying them away. Meanwhile firemen were dragging hose through the room to reach the rear of the braing factory.

birning factory.

Finally, the flames got so close that the shutters on the windows outside the children's room were burned, and Chief Doughordered the policemen and sisters to their wards into a safer part of the

The home suffered to the extent of \$1,000, chiefly in the chapel. Sisters and firemen carried out the altar utensils and valuable ornaments. A letter carrier, off duty, was especially assiduous in stripping the chapel of anything that might be damaged by fire or water. Police Captain Dillon, who lives near by, also gave what assistance he could.

Three firemen were slightly hurt by falling debris while standing on a ladder.

They were Brady, Leonard and Porter of

They were brady. Leonard and Porter of Engine Company 53.

The building in which the fire started was formerly a residence. Next door, at 540, is the residence of Edward Keil, a retired butcher. Mr. Keil and his family had no trouble getting out, but the house was gutted. The entire damage amounted to

Little Fire in Parochial School.

A fire did \$25 damage vesterday afternoon to a schoolroom on the second floor of the Miller parochial school of St. Ignatius's Church, at 45 East Eighty-fourth street. It was discovered by the janitor. All the children had gone home two hours before. The cause of the fire is unknown.

home at 25 East Sixty-ninth street for

TO FIX RATES OF EXCHANGE. Congress Asked to Continue Existence of the International Commission

Washington, Jan. 26 - The President to-day transmitted to Congress a recommenlation for an appropriation to continue the existence of the Commission on International Exchange, which continuance is in accordance with the requests of the Gov ernments of China and Mexico. The work of the commission, the President says. has greatly assisted in the establishment in the early morning fire in The Bronx of new monetary systems of the Philippine Islands, Mexico and the Republic of Panama. The werk done in China had, from the letter of Prince Ching, the head of the executive, been very helpful to that Govermnent. Such improvements in the monetary systems of the silver using countries brought them into closer connection with well for the voluntary corps of rescuers the gold standard countries and was of

The houses that were burned were all on the west side of Cauldwell avenue from 159th to 180th street. Directly back of these

so feasible as the American plan has been any where proposed.

In spite of difficulties which may attend any such plan, it tends to remove obstacles to our export frade directly and to a still greater extent to stimulate it indirectly by promoting the building of railways and the extension of international commerce in the countries adopting a stable system.

This effect is already being felt in the introduction of American capital into Mexico, and similar effects, it is probable, would be felt in China with the sdoption of similar measures. The work in China should, therefore, be persistently carried on until the new system is firmly established. As opportunity offers the matter should be brought to the attention of the South American States and to other countries whose monetary system the aftention of the South American State and to other countries whose monetary sys-tems are not established on a sound basis.

ARGUMENT IN SMOOT CASE. Mr. Tayler, for Protestants, Says Mormons Hold Themselves Above the Law.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 .- Argument in the oot case was begun to-day, former mer before he could open it to send in the Representative R. W. Tayler opening the alarm. was announced that each side would have five hours, the prosecution to open and close. Former Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, it is understood, will close the argument for the protestants.

Mr. Tayler declared that the real question involved in the Smoot case was of government and law and not of morals. It was not a case of mere disobedience of law, but a case wherein a Senator of the United States, a member of the highest legislative body, a maker of laws, held him-self apart from and above the law of the land because a higher law ruled him. Senaand because a higher law ruled him. Sena-tor Smoot obeys the higher law, and tes-tified that if he should receive a revelation in conflict with the law he would leave his country and go somewhere else. That, in Mr. Tayler's opinion, went to the very root of the matter.

The broad claim made by the protestants, and Mr. Tayler, was that the Marmon

rne broad claim made by the protestants, said Mr. Tayler, was that the Mormon Church was in fact higher than the law, and obedient to a higher law, based on the belief that it was in direct communication with Almighty God. The doctrine of revelation, constituting actual contact with the Almighty runs through the More. of revelation, constituting actual contact with the Almighty, runs through the Mormon mind, and the law is violated, not because it is the law of the land, but because there is a law of God which speaks to them. This attitude had extended from Independence, Mo., in 1836, down to the present hour. Nothing kept them from defying the law, when they believed they were in communion with God, except the policeman's club constantly held over them, actually compelling them to obey.

SENATE PASSES ARMY BILL. Senator Hale Severely Criticises the General Staff.

propriation bill was taken up in the Senate to-day. An amendment was agreed to abolishing the offices of Assistant Adjutant-General and record and pension, which are already under the Military Secretary's

Mr. Hale (Rep., Me.) took occasion to criticise the general staff severely. The tendency of professional men, both in the army and navy, he said, was to undermine and ultimately destroy the control of the civilian heads of those departments and place all authority in the hands of mili-tary men who had no sympathy whatever with the people or Congress, and whose chief desire was to aggrandize themselves.

The Secretary of War, declared Mr. Hale,
was a mere factotum, so far as the administration of the War Department was concerned. He mentioned several cases in his own experience in which he was com his own experience in which he was compelled to go to the general staff for the determination of comparatively small administrative matters. He said that there was a strong movement toward establishing a general staff in the navy, and he gave notice that it would never succeed if he could prevent it.

An amendment offered by Mr. Proctor, providing that ratired officers detailed.

An amendment providing that retired officers detailed hereafter to duty with the militia of the States shall receive only the pay of retired officers of their grade, and commuta-tion of quarters, was adopted. This amend-ment removes the retroactive feature of the bill, which was alleged to have been aimed at Gen. Nelson A. Miles, and which, if enacted, would have limited his pay to that of a Major on the active list The bill as amended was passed.

YELLOW FEVER ON WARSHIP. Three Officers of Cruiser Boston at Panama

Stricken-A Japanese Dies. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-Consul-General Gudger, at Panama, has reported an outbreak of yellow fever on the cruiser Boston to the State Department. The death of a Japanese mess man has resulted thus far. Paymaster Sackett, Lieut. Leahy and Dr.

Kohlhas have been victims of a mild attack. A later despatch from Mr. Gudger indicates that the fever is spreading. He says:
"Two other Japanese and Private Lafferty
have yellow fever. Have been removed to Ancon. It is not safe to move the three reported this morning. Perry and Pierce on board. Disinfection progressing. All

Perry and Pierce are presumed to be physicians on the Isthmus. The Boston has been ordered to Puget Sound or elsewhere, at the discretion of the commander. It is expected that conditions will be greatly improved when the vessel cruises out of tecrical waters.

Navy Department has taken steps The Navy Department has taken steps to prevent a spread of the fever. Assistant Surgeon J. Miller, Jr., who is now with the battallon of marines at Panama, has been ordered on board the Boston to assist in handling the patients. Passed Assistant Surgeon H. C. Curl has also been ordered to the Boston for temporary duty until he can be relieved by Assistant Surgeon E. E. McCullough, who is now at San Francisco. McCullough, who is now at San Francisco.
Assistant Surgeon C. F. Ely, now at Annapolis, has been ordered to take the first steamer to Panama to fill the vacancy at

Panama made by the departure of Surgeon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .- The gunboat Bennington has arrived at Corinto, the Eithu Root Still House Bound.

Elihu Root, who has been confined to his borne at 25 Fast S riy-ninth street for everal days by a cold, was unable to go to also office yesterday.

Bennington has arrived at Corinto, the cruiser Minneapolis and the gunboats Yankton and Eagle at Goucester.

The battleship Texas and the monitors Florida and Nevada have sailed from Key West for Guantanamo and the gunboat Topeka from Havana for Nipe Bay and San Juan T is impossible to import the private brands of cigarettes used by Turkey's higher court circles; but we have gone a step further and secured the services of Mr. Allan Ramsay, for sixteen years the Turkish government expert, the man who made them.

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BLAZING OIL IMPERILS SHIP

TWO BIG SOUTH ST. BUILDINGS BURNED OUT.

Fears That Attec Pottery for Metropolitan Mozeum Was Lost-Rio Grande Towed From Pier to Save Her-Flerce Wind Fans Flames-Loss \$100,000.

A volcanic burst of smoke and flame from the third floor windows of the old, flat faced five storied brick building at 80 and 81 South street, occupied by the Borne. Scrymer Company, oil dealers, startled workers at the Mallory Line docks, nearly opposite, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. In an instant the whole building, stocked from cellar to roof, and saturated with oil. was a roaring torch, with a great smudge of convoluting blackness for a top.

The brisk westerly breeze sent long streamers of flame across the Mallory Line oler and bulkhead, on which were several bundred bales of cotton and a lot of shingles just discharged from the steamship Rio Grande, from Mobile and Brunswick. The torch dipped down at times under the influence of the breeze and threatened destruction to the Rio Grande and laden lighters in the dock

There were 300 barrels of turcentine and rosin in the steamship's hold, and that is why the dock superintendent and her skipper decided to get her out into the stream in a hurry. She had no steam of her own, but there was a fleet of tugs handy.

her own, but there was a fleet of tugs handy, and they hitched on to her and towed her to anchorage in the upper bay.

The fire ate its way through the walls of the double five storied brick building to the south of the burning one and at the northwest cerner of Fletcher and South streets, occupied by Wilson & Griffin, sall-makers; the Newhall Ship Chandlery Company and an office of the White Star Towboat Company. Chief Croker arrived on the first alarm and immediately called for additional force. He got all three fireboats, the New Yorker, McClellan and Hewitt, twelve engines and a water tower at work.

The powerful streams of the fireboats and tower had little effect at first on the blazing oil. Within an hour after the fire burst from the windows of the oil house the building to the south, at 78 and 79, was gutted, and the Mallory Line freight office and machine show on the north at 82 was guted, and the Saliory Line Fregular office and machine shop on the north, at \$2, was spouting fire from its upper windows. It did not get any further along the block to the north, and was prevented by a deluge from half a dozen nozzles from leaping the narrow chasm of lane-like Fletcher street.

The impression got around, even among under control. But it started afresh with a mighty roar and crackle at 4:30 o'clock. Three hundred barrels of lubricating oil in the cellar had been touched off. The firemen at work in front of the building were forced back by the upheaval. Some of the blazing oil spurted through the sashless windows on its course through the unobstructed space where floors and

the unobstructed space where hoors and roof had been.

The firemen tackled the job again with greater energy, and in half an bour the watching crowds began to melt away and the smoke to thin down to mere unattractive puffs. Ice incrusted walls were not part of the fire spectacle until after the fire was over last night, as the buildings were too hot to let water freeze on them.

Some of the engines were late in reaching

Some of the engines were late in reaching the fire because of the snow piles and drifts in the streets. The damage was estimated on the streets. The damage was estimated by Chief Croker at about \$100,000. It was said that Theodore G. Sullivan, manager for the Borne-Scrymser Company, had stored on the top floor a valuable collection of Aztec pottery that he had intended to present to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and that all of it was destroyed.

THE SWAYNE IMPEACHMENT. House Managers Who Are to Have Control of the Several Articles.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 .- The House managers to conduct the impeachment of Judge Swayne of the Northern District of Florida before the Senate held a meeting to-day for conference regarding the proceedings. It was informally agreed that the several articles of impeachment should be under the control of the managers, as follows:

Helating to the question of non-residence—Mr. Perkins (Rep., N. Y.)
The Belden-Davis contempt case—Mr.
Palmer (Rep., Pa.)
The O'Neal contempt case—Mr. Powers

The O'Neal contempt case—Mr. Powers (Rep., Mass.)
False expense vouchers—Messrs. Clayton (Dem., Ala.) and De Armond (Dem., Mo.)
Unlawful use of bankrupt railroad corporation—Messrs. Olmstead (Rep., Pa.) and Smith (Dem., Ky.)

Senator Platt (Rep. Conn.), who is to preside over the court of impeachment, old Mr. Perkins to-day that he had been informed by ex-Senator Thurston, one of Judge Swayne's counsel, that when the Judge presented himself at the bar to-morrow a request would be made for a week's time in which to prepare his answer, and the Senator said it would doubtless be

The House managers will then ask for a week to prepare their evidence after making replication to the answer, so that the taking of testimony may not begin before Feb. 18

New Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-The President sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations of postmasters:

New York-Arthur B. Burrows, Andover; John F. Stephens, Highland Falls; Marion O. Martin, Honeoye Falls; David L. Jamieson, New York Mills; Ebenezer Evans, Waterville; P. S. Spaulding, Whitesboro. North Carolina—Bernard W. Leavitt, Southern Pines; Charles A. Reynolds, Win-

eton-Salem.

Pennsylvania—Zacharias A. Bowman,
Annville; Samuel P. Arnold, Curwensville;
E. M. Frye, Monessen; Henry G. Moyer,
Perkasie; W. L. Stevenson, West Newton.

Father Faints at Furlong Boy's Trial.

John Furlong, the father of nineteen-yearold Frank Furlong, who is on trail before Judge Foster in General Sessions for killing his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Keeler, fainted yesterday while testifying that his son was mentally unbalanced. Furlong has a weak heart. After he had rested he was sert home. Drs. MacDonald and Flint testified that the boy is sane.

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RATE QUESTION IN THE HOUSE

DISCUSSION OPENED BY THE DEM-OCRATIC MEMBERS.

They Welcome the President as a Recruit to Their Ranks-The Committee on Commerce Takes Up the Hepburn Bill and is Likely to Report It to the House.

while the Agricultural Appropriation bill after a strenuous fight, if at all, and more was nominally under consideration, by members too impatient to wait for the appearance of the Hepburn-Mann bill, state and Foreign Commerce.

support of President Roosevelt in their | Foraker has suggested Feb.

to follow. [Laughter]

Mr. Williams-I do not purpose to follow the President as leader, but welcome him to a place among my own following. (More

Mr. Bell (Dem., Cal.) spoke in favor of giving the Interstate Commerce Commission power to enforce its findings regarding railroad rates. He said it was characteristic of the American people that for years, after vainly demanding remedial legislation, they spoke in tones of moderation and patience. But he warned the House that the limit had about been reached. Mr. Ball promised the full Democratic vote of the House to pass any measure laid down on the lines of the President's message at the opening of Congress.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to-day began the consideration of the twelve bills on the subject of the president of the twelve bills on the subject.

of rate regulation that have been intro-duced at this session. The committee agreed to a motion to have sessions every day except Saturday until it agrees upon a measure to be reported to the House. The discussion took a wide range. The Democratic members took as prominent a part in it as the Republicans, Chairman Hepburn in a little speech to the House a few days ago having made it plain

House a few days ago having made it plain that he will frown upon any efforts to make the subject one for partisan action.

The most important fact developed during the meeting was that the Democratic members, Messrs. Davey of Louisiana, Adamson of Georgia, Shackleford of Missouri. Ryan of New York, Richardson of Alabama and Lamar of Florida, do not consider themselves bound to support the Davey bill, the measure approved by the Democratic caucus. They believe the caucus approved merely the principle enunciated in the Davey bill, and that the resolution adopted leaves them free to vote for any bill which leaves then free to vote for any bill which in their judgment embodies the esssential features of the Davey bill. The author of that measure assented to that interpretation of the caucus action, so the promise is that the committee will not have great difficults in comping to an agreement on a

is that the committee win not have great difficulty in coming to an agreement on a bill. So far no great difference of opinion has developed in the committee. According to some of those who were present it was made pretty plain at the meeting that the Hepburn bill would be reported to the House with some changes, the most notable being the elimination of reported to the House with some changes, the most notable being the elimination of the provision for abolishing the Interstate Commerce Commission and the substitution of a provision that the membership of the commission should be increased from seven to nine. Representatives Esch and Townsend, who introduced rate bills that have the approval of the President, will vote in the committee against reporting the Hardward of the president, will vote in the committee against reporting the committee against repo

SCHWARZKOPF GOES FREE.

The Grand Jury Dismisses the Charges Made by Former Justice Fursman.

TROY, Jan. 28 .- The Grand Jury to-day reported that it had investigated the charges made against John Schwarzkopf by former law partner, former Justice E. L. Fursman, and failed to find an indictment. Schwarzkopf was discharged from custody. and an order was given his attorney for the \$2,500 cash bail deposited with the County Treasurer. This ends, so far as this case is concerned, the differences between the former Justice and his boy law partner. It is said that Schwarzkopf intends to bring proceedings for damages either in this city

THE STATEHOOD BILL DEAD. Its Supporters Concede That It Cannot He Passed at This Session.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The Statehood bill is now practically conceded to be dead by its supporters, so far as this session of the Senate is concerned. Senator Beveridge, who, as chairman of the Committee on Territories, is in favor of the bill, said that he had reached the point where he did not care whether or not an amended bill passed WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-A discussion of at this session, as he was sure that it could the question of railroad rate regulation be passed without difficulty next session was sprung upon the House to-day under in its present form. He acknowledged the latitude allowed in general debate, that it could be passed at this session only important matters are pressing before

Senator Hansbrough, one of the sixteen which it was assumed would be reported Republican Senators counted as oppoto the Bouse by the Committee on Inter- nents of the bill, suggested to Senator Beveridge that a compromise be made Messrs Scott (Rep., Kan.) and Bell (Dem., Cal.) were the principal speakers, the former advocating and the latter opposing the passage of the bill.

The President was accepted as a recruit to the Democratic ranks on this question by Mr. Williams, the minority leader, who in defining and describing the policy of the Democrats, said they were glad to have the Democrats, said they were glad to have the

support of President Rooseveit in their efforts to help the people.

Mr. Scott—I congratulate the Democrats that there is at least one question on which they can unite, and especially upon the choice of the leader whom they have elected to follow. [Laughter]

Forager has suggested rev. As the date for a vote, and it is possible that this date will be selected. Several amendments have been proposed by opponents of the bill. One of them, by Senator Patterson, proposes to strike Arizona from the bill. It is proposed that this be voted upon first. Another expenditures the content of the proposed that the date for a vote, and it is possible that this date will be selected. posed that this be voted upon first. Another amendment, by Senator Bard, strikes both New Mexico and Arizona from the bill. Another, by Senator Foraker, provides that a separate vote shall be taken on the question of Statehood for both Arizona and New Mexico, and that the two Territories shall not be joined as a single State unless a majority of the votes in each Territory is in the affirmative. ritory is in the affirmative.

tory is in the amrimative.
The sixteen Republican Senators counted a opposed to the billare: Alger, Ankeny, and Burrows, Dick, Elkins, Foraker, ulton, Gallinger, Hansbrough, Heyburn, ittredge, Long, McCumber, Perkins, Quarles and Stewart.

WE GET MR. MASON'S RATS. A Pied Piper Show Wasn't Wanted at the Hippodrome, So He Turned Them Loose.

William J. Mason of Bay City, Mich., who wanted to show audiences at the Hippodrome for a consideration how friendly he could be with rats, took a big box containing a few score of the animals to Thompson & Dundy's office in the new building yesterday, and, when he heard that his exhibition wasn't wanted, got even with New York by opening the box in the street and letting the rats out. Last night storekeepers were scouring the neighborhood for cats, and women went about with caution, hands on their skirts.

The man wrote to Thompson & Dundy two weeks ago on the official paper of the Bay City Sheriff:

I have an attraction that I am very strous of calling your attention to. In fact, it is a novelty, and as I have been informed that you are on the lookout for such things, I hope that you will give me and my act your I hope that you will give me and my act your worthy consideration. I take any number of rats of any kind, from three hundred up, go in among them, pick them up by the armful and handle them in every and any way imaginable. I say with them and let them crawl all over me while I am apparently asleep. I know this is a new thing, and as I have never shown anywhere only in the vicinity of this town. I think that I could make a hit. I will also catch my own rats, and, what is more, I can build my own cage if necessary. Any person who has seen me perform has always spoken highly of it.

The letter was not answered, but he

It was announced yesterday that the Hudson County Grand Jury had found five indictments against former Collector Cyrillus L. Robinson of Bayonne, who was arrested some time ago on complaint of Mayor Thomas Brady charged with having misappropriated funds of the city. The books show a shortage of \$46,500 up to date, but are still under examination. Mr. Robinson recently celebrated his seventy-second histories.

Jail for Policy Dealers.

Ten policy dealers were before Judge Cowing in General Sessions yesterday for sentence. Five who had pleaded guilty were let off with suspended sentences. Thomas Donlon, who had been convicted was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary. Four others got a month.

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This piece was fairly priced at \$250, and might very well bring a much higher price in the hands of the usual dealer; it is now marked \$150; and is a remarkable

Other Carvings are marked at \$3.75, \$5, \$6.25, \$7.50 and upwards. Many of which are worth double their present prices; all of which are worth a hart more

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Jardinieres at \$5, \$9.25, up to \$27.50, that were \$8.50, \$18.50, and up to \$50. Umbrella Jars at \$15, \$16.50, \$20 and \$30, that were \$22.50, \$25, \$27.50 and \$50. The collection of Vases includes such unusual things as a unique colored Splash Vase with crawfish at \$5, from \$10; up to a fine Imari Vase, 4 feet 6 inches high, at

\$60 from \$115. Also Porcelain Vases and Moriagi in delicate colorings, at 25c to \$2.50; that were already low-priced at 35c to \$4.

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Daniel P. Hays, the receiver appointed in the Supreme Court for the property of Robert H. Spalding, who built the Hotel Spalding, 127 to 135 West Forty-third street has come out victorious in the legal fight over the matter. Judge Holt of the United States District Court has handed down a decision modifying and vacating various orders heretofore granted on bankruptcy proceedings and now leaves Mr. Havs authority to hold possession of the property The order of Aug. 30 last naming W. R. Willoox receiver and subsequent orders are modified so that they shall not enjoin Mr. Hays from taking possession of the property and carrying out his duties All orders made restraining the Long Acre Hotel Company, which carried on the hotel busing made the company of the com ness, from dealing with its own property | plies.



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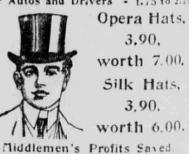
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